



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 05, 2014

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from August 29, 2014 – September 04, 2014. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov))

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## INCIDENTS

### **Burglary 14-09810**

**300 Block Mashie Drive, SE**

**Between July 30 at 12:00 p.m. and August 29 at 1:39 p.m.**

A resident reported that a neighbor’s home had been entered and several rooms had been ransacked. The owner of the residence was contacted and will determine if anything had been taken.

This case is being investigated.

**Fraud 14-10040**

**Elaine Circle, SE**

**Between August 15 at 12:01 a.m. and September 03 at 10:03 p.m.**

A resident reported that he had been alerted by a credit card monitoring service that one of his credit cards may have been compromised. After reviewing his account he discovered that several charges had been made without his knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Fraud 14-09815**

**400 Block Blair Road, NW**

**Between August 22 at 12:01 a.m. and August 25 at 11:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that she had been reviewing her credit card account and discovered several charges had been made without her knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Petit Larceny 14-09845**

**Purple Onion**

**416 Maple Avenue, West**

**Between August 26 at 12:00 a.m. and August 27 at 4:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported his E-ZPass had been taken from the glove box of his unsecured vehicle.

This case is being investigated.

**Please Note:** *Remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

**Destruction of Property 14-09802**

**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

**Between August 28 at 12:30 p.m. and August 29 at 6:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that the left front tire of his truck had been slashed.

**Grand Larceny 14-10033**

**200 Block Oak Street, SW**

**Between August 28 at 3:00 p.m. and September 03 at 11:01a.m.**

A citizen reported that someone had taken the air conditioner from the rear of a residence that was due to be razed.

This case is under investigation.

**Trespassing 14-09796/14-09797**

**Peterson Lane Park**

**575 Malcolm Road, NW**

**August 29 1:34 a.m.**

MPO Seitz and Officer Tracy were on foot patrol in Peterson Lane Park when they encountered two juveniles in the park in violation of the No Trespassing after Dark Ordinance. After speaking with the juveniles the officers determined they were also in possession of alcohol.

The juveniles were transported to the Vienna Police Station and released to their parents.

This case is being investigated.

**Burglary 14-09807**

**800 Block Desale Street, SW**

**August 29 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:01 a.m.**

A resident reported someone had entered his residence and several items had been taken.

This case is being investigated.

**Animal Case 14-09803**

**700 Block Upham Place, NW**

**August 29 9:57 a.m.**

A resident reported that a neighbor's dog had broken free from its restraint and was acting aggressive towards her dog. She also stated the dog had attacked another neighborhood dog earlier in the day.

Officer Herrera responded and with the assistance of the resident the dog was again secured in its backyard. After securing the dog it became jumpy and lunged at the resident biting her on the elbow. The resident declined medical treatment as there was no break in the skin.

Officer Herrera located the resident whose dog had been bitten earlier in the day and was informed the dog did not suffer any injuries from the attack.

The owner of the dog was contacted and informed of the quarantine process.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

**Police Service 14-09812**

**Vienna Police Station**

**215 Center Street, South**

**August 29 1:54 p.m.**

A citizen responded to the Vienna Police Station with an elderly female she had found wandering around and appeared to be lost.

The daughter of the elderly female responded to the police station and took her mother home.

**Telephone Case 14-09814**  
**400 Block Blair Road, NW**  
**August 29 4:52 p.m.**

A resident reported he received a telephone call from an individual claiming to be with the IRS. The caller informed the resident there had been a problem with his previous income taxes and began asking for personal information which the resident did not provide.

The resident responded to the police department and spoke with Officer Herrera. Officer Herrera telephoned the number given by the caller and advised him he was a police officer at which time the caller immediately hung up.

Officer Herrera informed the resident that this had been an attempted scam that has been occurring frequently in the area.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-09826**  
**500 Block Maple Avenue, West**  
**August 29 9:44 p.m.**

Officer Reedy was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic offense. As a result of that offense he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests Officer Reedy arrested Ms. Caroline Diane Gates, 48, of Rifle Ridge Road in Oakton, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Gates was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was given the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. After the analysis she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Gates was to be held until she was sober.

**Petit Larceny 14-09955**  
**500 Block Mashie Drive, SE**  
**Between August 29 at 11:00 p.m. and August 31 at 1:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and had taken a pair of sunglasses.

**Please Note:** *Remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-09841**

**Nutley Street at Maple Avenue, SW**

**August 30 2:41 a.m.**

PFC Vazquez was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic offense. As a result of the traffic offense he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. PFC Vazquez provided the driver with several opportunities to complete a series of field sobriety tests however he refused.

PFC Vazquez arrested Mr. William Lee Jimenez, 43, of Glengyle Drive in Vienna for Driving While Intoxicated. Mr. Jimenez was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. Mr. Jimenez chose to decline that opportunity.

Mr. Jimenez was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated (4<sup>th</sup> or Subsequent within 10 years), Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test (2<sup>nd</sup> Offense), and Drinking while Operating a Motor Vehicle.

Mr. Jimenez was held without bond.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-09842**

**Nutley Street at Orchard Street, NW**

**August 30 3:59 a.m.**

Officer Reedy was on patrol when he observed the driver of a vehicle commit a traffic offense. As a result of the offense he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests Officer Reedy arrested Mr. Drew William Smerdzinski, 24, of Herndon Mill Circle in Herndon, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Smerdzinski was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity to submit a sample of his breath for analysis. After the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Smerdzinski was to be held until he was sober.

**Assault 14-09847****Hair Cuttery Salon****316 Maple Avenue, West****August 30 8:10 a.m.**

An employee reported that after arriving at work a man entered the business and requested to use the restroom. The employee stated that as the man was using the restroom she went into a back room where the man followed her and touched her inappropriately. The employee shoved him away after which he fled the business in an unknown direction of travel.

The man was described as a black male, late 20's to early 30's, approximately 5'8", medium build, wearing a white tank top with camouflage shorts. He had a large cross tattoo on his right bicep.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 14-09849****Westbriar Drive and Maple Avenue, NE****August 30 10:49 a.m.**

Officer Digan responded to the area to assist MPO Mangan on a traffic stop that resulted in the driver being wanted on a warrant issued by the Fairfax County Police.

Officer Digan arrested Mr. Antonio Lamont Coleman, 43, of Wythe Street in Alexandria, Virginia for Domestic Assault.

Mr. Coleman was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was released on his signature.

**Medical Case 14-09900****100 Block Kingsley Road, SW****August 31 7:41 a.m.**

A resident reported that her husband was in need of medical attention. Officer Herrera responded and assisted Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel in preparing her husband for transport to an area hospital.

**Natural Death 14-09936****100 Block East Street, NE****August 31 2:18 p.m.**

A citizen reported he had gone to visit his elderly mother and found her deceased in her bedroom.

A Detective will follow up with this case.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-09938****800 Block Park Street, SE****August 31 5:06 p.m.**

Officer Tremont responded to the area for the report of a crash that had occurred. Upon his interaction with the driver of the vehicle he determined the driver may have been impaired. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests Officer Tremont arrested Mr. Rodney Malcolm Buracker, 61, of Kingsley Road, SE in Vienna for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Buracker was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. After the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and held on a \$3,000.00 bond.

**Police Service 14-09944****100 Block Patrick Street, SE****August 31 10:16 p.m.**

PFC Vazquez responded to assist with a resident who was attempting to evict her stepson.

PFC Vazquez informed the resident of the formal eviction process.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated/Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test 14-09975****100 Block Maple Avenue, East****September 01 8:22 p.m.**

Officer Kiley responded to the area for the report of a vehicle crash. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests Officer Kiley arrested Ms. Mackenzie Taylor Graling, 23, of Cub Run Park Drive in Centreville, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms Graling was transported to the Vienna Police Station where she was given the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis, which she refused. Ms. Graling was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2<sup>nd</sup> within 5 years) and Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test.

**Medical Case 14-09993****400 Block Roland Street, SW****September 02 9:16 a.m.**

PFC Lyons responded to the report of a resident that was suffering from a medical emergency. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel were on the scene upon his arrival and transported the resident to an area hospital for treatment.

**Suspicious Event 14-09998****600 Block McKinley Street, NE****September 02 12:05 p.m.**

A resident responded to the Vienna Police Station to report that his daughter had received a text message, he believed was meant for him, from the boyfriend of his estranged wife. He stated he felt the message was threatening in nature.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public 14-10002**

**500 Block Maple Avenue, West**

**September 02 1:56 p.m.**

PFC Lyons responded to the area for the report of a Hispanic male passed out in the grass. Upon his arrival and after awaking the individual from his slumber PFC Lyons determined the man was intoxicated and arrested Mr. Leonel Santos-Hernandez, 40, No Fixed Address, for Drunk in Public. PFC Lyons also determined that a warrant for a Probation Violation had been issued by the Arlington County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Santos-Hernandez was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with both Drunk in Public and the Probation Violation.

Mr. Santos-Hernandez was held without bond.

**Arrest – Drunk in Public 14-10022**

**1000 Block Park Street, SE**

**September 02 11:18 p.m.**

Officer Reedy was on patrol when he observed a female stumbling down the sidewalk and being held up by a male individual. Officer Reedy, concerned for the female's welfare, initiated contact with both individuals and determined the female was extremely intoxicated.

Officer Reedy arrested Ms. Alicia Denise Lane, 48, of Melody Lane, SW in Vienna for Drunk in Public. Ms. Lane was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was to be held until she was sober.

**Narcotics Violation 14-10034**

**The Cedar Lane School**

**101 Cedar Lane, SW**

**September 03 11:00 a.m.**

An employee reported that a group of students had been smoking marijuana in the field behind the school. The employee stated when he approached the group one of the students dropped a marijuana cigarette on the ground.

MPO Smith responded and after speaking with the student he contacted the student's mother who agreed to respond and take her son home.

This case is being investigated.



**Civil Dispute 14-10038**

**7-11**

**537 Maple Avenue, West**

**September 03 1:30 p.m.**

A citizen reported that she and an employee were involved in an argument concerning the purchase of lottery tickets.

PFC Vazquez responded and informed both the employee and the citizen that this was a civil matter and not a matter for the police.

**Alcohol/Tobacco Violation 14-10064**

**The Cedar Lane School**

**101 Cedar Lane, SW**

**September 04 11:53 a.m.**

An employee reported that a student was on school property and was found to be in possession of an Electronic Cigarette (E-Cig) and alcohol.

Officer Herrera responded and issued a summons to the student for Underage Possession of Tobacco. The student's mother was contacted and informed Officer Herrera that she was unable to respond to the school to pick up her son. She would however arrange for a taxi to pick him up.

This case is being investigated.

**CRASHES**

**Park Street at Adahi Road, SE 14-09805**

**August 29 10:37 a.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling north bound on Park Street, SE. The driver of the first vehicle stopped for the stop sign at Adahi Road, SE. The driver of the second vehicle stated he became distracted by his cell phone and rear ended the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Beulah Road near Maple Avenue, NE 14-09809**

**August 29 1:11 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling north bound on Beulah Road, NE. The driver of the second vehicle was attempting to exit a parking lot onto Beulah Road and collided with the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Stop before Entering a Highway.

**300 Block Maple Avenue, East 14-09853**

**August 30 2:53 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling east bound on Maple Avenue, East in adjacent lanes of travel.

The driver of the vehicle in the left lane attempted to change to the right lane and struck the vehicle that was already traveling in the right lane.

The driver of the striking vehicle was issued a summons for Unsafe Lane Change.

**Maple Avenue near Nutley Street, SW 14-09937**

**August 31 2:52 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling east bound on Maple Avenue, SW in the same lane of travel. After stopping the driver of the second vehicle took her foot off the brake and depressed the accelerator causing her vehicle to rear end the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Lawyers Road near Maple Avenue, NW 14-09956**

**September 01 8:00 a.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling south bound on Lawyers Road, NW and stopped in the left turn lane, due to the red traffic signal.

The driver of the first vehicle stated she backed up in an attempt to get the light to cycle to green and collided with the second vehicle.

**Tapawingo Road at Plum Street, SW 14-09960**

**September 01 2:15 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling west bound on Tapawingo Road approaching the intersection with Plum Street, SW.

The driver of the second vehicle was traveling south bound on Plum Street and stopped for the stop sign at Tapawingo Road, SW. The driver stated he thought the vehicle on Tapawingo Road also had a stop sign and would be stopping. The driver pulled into the intersection and struck the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Maple Avenue near Mill Street, NE 14-09969**

**September 01 8:22 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling east bound on Maple Avenue, NE in the same lane of travel. The driver of a third vehicle was attempting to exit a parking lot to enter onto Maple Avenue, NE.

The driver of the second vehicle in line stated she was distracted by a spider in her vehicle causing her to rear end the first vehicle in line. The first vehicle then collided with the third vehicle.

During the investigation of the crash Officer Kiley determined the driver of the first vehicle was intoxicated (See Incident Number 14-09975 above).

The driver of the first vehicle was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test.

**Maple Avenue at Park Street, SE 14-10036**

**September 03 3:54 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling east bound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of travel. The driver of the first vehicle began to stop as the traffic light with at the intersection with Park Street, SE was turning yellow. The driver of the second vehicle was unable to stop in time and rear ended the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Following Too Close.

**Park Street near Maple Avenue, SE 14-10060**

**September 04 10:36 a.m.**

The drivers of three vehicles were traveling on Park Street in the same lane of travel.

The driver of the first vehicle stopped for the red traffic signal at the intersection with Maple Avenue, SE. The driver of the third vehicle in line was unable to stop and rear ended the second vehicle which in turn rear ended the first vehicle.

The driver of the third vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**Maple Avenue at Nutley Street, NW 14-10069**

**September 04 1:45 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling west bound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes.

The driver of the vehicle in the left lane stated she was lost and looking at her GPS while moving from the left lane to the right lane and collided with the vehicle in that lane.

The driver of the striking vehicle was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

## **CASE UPDATES**

### **Sexual Assault 14-02324**

**Vienna Assembly of God Church**

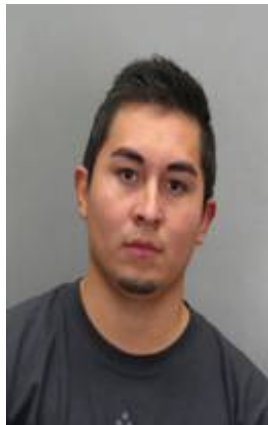
**100 Ayr Hill Avenue, NE**

**December 01, 2013 12:00 p.m.**

On February 27, 2014 Detective Leroux of the Town of Vienna Police Department received information informing him of a sexual assault that occurred inside the Assembly of God Church in Vienna.

Detective Leroux's investigation revealed that Mr. Andy Amaya-Avalos, 21, of Dewberry Drive in Fredericksburg, Virginia, an attendee of the lessee congregation, Iglesia Cristo Es Mi Refugio, had sexually assaulted a juvenile in an area of the Church.

### **Case Update:**



**Andy Amaya - Avalos**

On August 17, 2014 Mr. Amaya-Avalos was arrested and taken into custody for Carnal Knowledge of a Juvenile by Officer Herrera of the Town of Vienna Police Department and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was held without bond.

If anyone has any information concerning this case or similar incidents please contact:

Detective Scott Leroux - Town of Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6332 or

[Scott.Leroux@Viennava.gov](mailto:Scott.Leroux@Viennava.gov).

## **OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES**

**Note to Citizens** – *The Town of Vienna is home to numerous types of wildlife that often wander into residential neighborhoods. Please be aware that with more contact between humans and wildlife there is a greater likelihood wildlife will more easily adapt to humans and lose their natural fear. Below are some helpful tips, provided by the VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, to assist in preventing a seemingly friendly encounter with wildlife into a dangerous situation.*

- 1. If you are feeding wildlife stop. This will cause them to lose their natural fear of humans.*
- 2. Do not leave pet food outside; keep pet feeding areas clean.*
- 3. Close up all openings under and into your buildings. Animals look for places to den and raise their young – **Don't Give Them That Opportunity.***
- 4. Keep small pets inside or on a leash when outside, they may be viewed as prey.*
- 5. Clear fallen fruit from around trees.*

**Also Note:** *There are times when wildlife may display symptoms that would not be considered normal behavior. Those symptoms may include but are not limited to; stumbling, foaming at the mouth or aggression towards humans or domestic animals. Should you encounter any form of wildlife exhibiting those symptoms or other symptoms which you feel are not normal please contact **The Vienna Police Department at (703) 255-6366.***

# **MEDIA RELEASES**



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Vienna Police Department to Participate in 9<sup>th</sup> D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative**

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside Vienna Police Headquarters at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly in to the collection box. If an original container is used the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label.

Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

**Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.**

**Commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.**

**For further information please contact:  
MPO Gary R. Lose - Town of Vienna Police Department  
Public Information Officer  
[Gary.Lose@viennava.gov](mailto:Gary.Lose@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6396**

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For application information please call 703-255-6350 or visit:

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**Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.**

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!**  
**We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**

**Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at  
[Gary.Lose@viennava.gov](mailto:Gary.Lose@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6396.**